

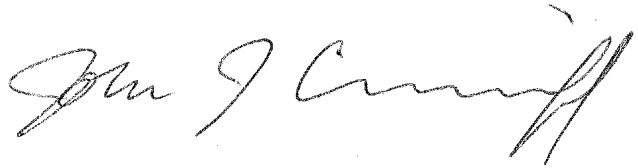
REMARKS

Claims

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to conform with U.S. requirements regarding claim format. Claim 5 has been amended and claims 16-18 have been added. The amendments result in 2 independent claims and 18 total claims. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

The Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition to permit allowance and request early and favorable disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Cunniff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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